



## Candidate Information

<b>Position:</b>	Research Assistant (part time, 0.8 FTE)
<b>School/Department:</b>	School of Nursing and Midwifery
<b>Reference:</b>	26/113175
<b>Closing Date:</b>	Monday 30 March 2026
<b>Salary:</b>	£35,136 - £40,316 pro rata, per annum.
<b>Anticipated Interview Date:</b>	Tuesday 14 April 2026
<b>Duration:</b>	12 months

### JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the research project assisting in the implementation and evaluation of In-Touch: Implementation of a person-centered palliative care intervention to improve comfort, quality of life and social engagement of people with advanced dementia in Care Homes.

### MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Manage and participate in the implementation and coordination of project activities.
2. Undertake basic research activities that may include engagement with nursing homes in the Belfast/Greater Belfast area to ensure smooth implementation of the project, and coordination/completion of data collection and fieldwork activities (including conducting qualitative interviews) at participating sites.
3. Support write-up and evaluation of study progress/results and contribute to the production of research reports and publications.
4. Present regular progress reports to members of the research group or to external audiences.
5. Carry out routine administrative duties as requested to ensure successful completion of the project.
6. Comply with QUB policies relevant to the project, for example, health and safety, data protection etc.
7. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in the research field.
8. Carry out any other duties designated by a line manager and which fall within the general remit of the post.

### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Degree or equivalent in nursing, allied health, psychology, sociology, education or related discipline.
2. Specific, relevant research experience in health or social sciences.
3. Experience working to organise/conduct data collection activities in participating research sites.
4. Knowledge and experience of a range of social research methods including both qualitative and quantitative techniques.
5. Proven experience in completing a research project or equivalent.
6. Ability to present timely progress reports to the research and management team.
7. Proven ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
8. Proven ability to contribute to the broader management and administrative process involved in a research project.
9. Proven ability to communicate effectively.
10. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
11. Organised and motivated.
12. Ability to travel within Northern Ireland when required.
13. Valid driving licence with access to a car.

### DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Completed a Postgraduate degree in a relevant discipline e.g. nursing, allied health, psychology or sociology, education.
2. Experience of working in a multidisciplinary team.
3. Experience developing relationships with service users and stakeholders.
4. Experience of completing both qualitative and quantitative research with people living with a progressive life-threatening illness.
5. Experience with project management effectively managing time and resources.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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